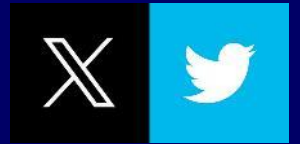




Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# Newsletter 422

[www.gillespie.islington.sch.uk](http://www.gillespie.islington.sch.uk)



@GillespieSchool

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a restful holiday and have made some fantastic resolutions for the New Year!



## First Aid Procedures at Gillespie

Parents will be pleased to know that on our INSET Day this Monday all staff had Emergency First Aid training to ensure that the whole staff are confident to deal with most situations that might arise at school.

Here is an update on how we will communicate minor and more serious first aid incidents that happen during the school day.

- If a child has a serious injury including:
  - Bleeding
  - Head bump where a child complains of feeling dizzy or sick
  - Sprain or suspected broken bone

A first aider will make an initial assessment and we will always contact parents/carers by telephone and ask for the child to be collected – sometimes with a recommendation for further medical advice to be sought e.g.) GP or A&E.

- If a child has an accident that requires no further medical attention such as:
  - Head/face injury
  - Injury that will leave a large mark/graze

We will send a courtesy text message home. A slip with accident details and head bump letter where applicable will be sent home with the child. The child will continue to be monitored in the classroom.

- All other minor first aid responses to children falling over or having knocks will be dealt with TLC, sometimes a magic paper towel! and the child will be given a first aid sticker so that you know that it has been dealt with and no further action was required. If you see the sticker, or your child tells you they received one, please do ask them what happened.



- If a child requires medication to be taken during the school day a form must be completed at the school office. Medication should not be kept in children's bags, this must be left with the school office.

## Year 6 Learning

Year 6 experienced a virtual day in "New York" as part of our Writing in English. They visited all the sights, inspiring them to write vivid setting descriptions!



## Year 2 Learning

Y2 visited the October Gallery this week to see the incredible work of Ghanaian artist, El Anatsui. They were Curious Camels, playing detective to identify the paintings that their picture came from and then Imaginative Insects, creating their own prints.



## Year 5 Learning

Year 5 have been looking at how land use could link to air pollution in their local area!



## Attendance Matters!

Class	Attendance WB 08/01/24
Reception	97.50%
Year 1	91.81%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.33%
Year 5	91.67%
Year 6	99.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>96.92%</b>

Attendance Cup  
Winner  
Week Beginning  
08/01/24

**Years 2 & 3!**



## Spring Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer internet day
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Chinese New Year
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term

Yours sincerely,  
Mark Owen Headteacher





## Islington Adult and Community Learning

Islington Adult and Community Learning are delivering a great opportunity for parents, carers or volunteers to attend a **Level 1 or Level 2 course** starting this New Year 2024.

By attending this course, it will prepare them with knowledge and skills in how to support children and young people in education. One of the key components of building progress and achievement in children's learning, is the ability and confidence of the adults who support them.

Your provision can benefit from this opportunity and is **FREE** to the majority of Islington resident (others outside the borough also qualify to attend)

**N4Library**  
ReadLearnConnect

# FAMILY ART CLUB



Arty fun for all the family! Materials are provided, or you can bring your own.  
Suitable for children of all ages.  
Meets monthly.

**Saturday 20 January, 2-3pm**

**N4 Library**  
26 Blackstock Road, N4 2DW  
020 7527 7800



## Stephens Ink Community Meeting

**Thursday 1 February at 6.30pm**  
(Doors open at 6:00pm)

**Stephens Ink Community Centre**

Stephens Ink Estate,  
Tannington Terrace, Gillespie  
Road, London N5 1LG

The centre is a local facility, so come along and have your say in the centre's running and organisation!

Refreshments and nibbles will be available at the meeting.



The election of officers and a new residents management committee to manage the community centre will take place and matters relating to the use of the community space will also be discussed.

Attendance and participation is welcomed by all residents of the Stephens Ink Estate, Tannington Terrace, Leiston House, Kenton House, Otley House & surrounding neighbourhood.



For more details contact Vanessa Khan, Community Partnerships Officer on 07925 890968 or [vanessa.khan@islington.gov.uk](mailto:vanessa.khan@islington.gov.uk)



october gallery

# FAMILY ART DAY

FREE ART AND PLAY AT OCTOBER GALLERY

**10AM - 12PM**  
USUALLY  
SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

**FREE DROP-IN FOR ALL AGES**

**SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY**  
**SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**  
**SATURDAY 9TH MARCH**

OCTOBER GALLERY, 24 OLD GLOUCESTER ST. LONDON WC1N 3AL

EDUCATION@OCTOBERGALLERY.CO.UK  
[WWW.OCTOBERGALLERYEDUCATION.COM](http://WWW.OCTOBERGALLERYEDUCATION.COM)



### Stronger Together

Free course for Islington Parents

Do you want to understand your baby/child?  
Have fun and build strong relationships?

**For parents of children under 3 years old and those expecting babies**

**Join our 9-week course in January 2024**



- Learn to listen to your own and your child's needs
- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Get to know your local services
- Develop your parenting knowledge
- Meet other parents
- Explore your creative side

**When:** Thursdays, from 18th January for 9 weeks

**Time:** 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Where:** The Parent House, 55 Calshot St, N1 9AS

To Book or to find out more: Contact 0207 837 1383  
[Anita@theparenthouse.co.uk](mailto:Anita@theparenthouse.co.uk)

